# 2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

**United States** | **North Carolina**
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**Children in poverty** | 17% | 17% | **SAME** | 20% | 18% | **BETTER**
Children in poverty | 12,243,000 | NC 411,000

**Children whose parents lack secure employment** | 26% | 29% | **WORSE** | 26% | 28% | **WORSE**
Children whose parents lack secure employment | 21,143,000 | NC 641,000

**Children living in households with a high housing cost burden** | 30% | 30% | **SAME** | 26% | 25% | **BETTER**
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden | 21,857,000 | NC 570,000

**Teens not in school and not working** | 6% | 7% | **WORSE** | 7% | 7% | **SAME**
Teens not in school and not working | 1,234,000 | NC 41,000

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## EDUCATION

**United States** | **North Carolina**
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**Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school** | 53% | 54% | **WORSE** | 57% | 58% | **WORSE**
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school | 4,380,000 | NC 144,000

**Fourth-graders not proficient in reading** | 66% | 68% | **WORSE** | 64% | 68% | **WORSE**
Fourth-graders not proficient in reading | N.A. | N.A.

**Eighth-graders not proficient in math** | 67% | 74% | **WORSE** | 63% | 75% | **WORSE**
Eighth-graders not proficient in math | N.A. | N.A.

**High school students not graduating on time** | 14% | 14% | **SAME** | 14% | 12% | **BETTER**
High school students not graduating on time* | N.A. | N.A.

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*N.A.: Not available  *Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explore data on children and families at [datacenter.aecf.org](http://datacenter.aecf.org).
### Health

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<td>8.3% 2019, 8.5% 2021</td>
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<td>Children without health insurance</td>
<td>6% 2019, 5% 2021</td>
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<td>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</td>
<td>25 2019, 30 2021</td>
<td>27 2019, 34 2021</td>
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<td>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</td>
<td>31% 2018-19, 33% 2020-21</td>
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### Family and Community

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<td>Children in single-parent families</td>
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<td>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</td>
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<td>Children living in high-poverty areas</td>
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<td>Teen births per 1,000</td>
<td>17 2019, 14 2021</td>
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Find additional data on this state’s children and families at datacenter.aecf.org/NC.

Learn about child well-being and state rankings at www.aecf.org/databook.